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SUMMARY: MOST MEDIA COVERAGE OF KISSINGER/GROMYKO MEETING FACTUAL, BALANCED, WITH PREDICTABLE EDITORIAL EXPLOITATIONS. SOME RIGHTIST CRITICISM OF GREAT POWER ROLES VIS-A-VIS CYPRUS, AND RENEWED CALLS FOR ENOSIS, IN PART REFLECT CURRENT SHARPENED MOOD ARISING FROM GRECO/TURKISH TENSIONS IN AEGEAN. END SUMMARY.

1. STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE OF MEETING FAIRLY OBJECTIVE, WITH INEVITABLE SPECULATION THAT KISSINGER/GROMYKO DISCUSSIONS

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WILL SOMEHOW AFFECT CYPRUS PROBLEM. GENERALLY, PRO-GOVT

PRESS PORTRAYED MEETING AS FURTHER SIGN OF GREAT POWER SUPPORT FOR MAKARIOS AND GREEK CYPRIOT CAUSE. "PHILELEFTHEROS" AND OTHERS DWELT IN PARTICULAR ON MAKARIOS' COMMENTS THAT (1) TWO MINISTERS "SHOWED UNDERSTANDING" FOR GOCYPRUS POSITION ON CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND (2) CHOICE OF CYPRUS FOR MEETING CONFIRMED ISLAND'S ROLE IN MID EAST PEACEMAKING AND WISDOM OF GOVT'S NON-ALIGNED POLICY.

2. LEFTIST PRESS - COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI" AND TO LESSER EXTENT, LYSSARIDES' "TA NEA" - HIGHLIGHTED GROMYKO'S ROLE, FOCUSING ON TASS REPORT THAT HE PLEDGED CONTINUED USSR SUPPORT FOR "INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY" OF CYPRUS. GRIVASITE "ETHNIKI" CONTRASTED ARCHBISHOP'S LACK OF ENOSIS VERVE WITH LABOR FEDERATION SEK'S STRONG CALL FOR ENOSIS ON OCCASION OF VISIT. PAPER ALSO WARNED GREAT POWERS THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST BE BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF "SELF DETERMINATION" (I.E., LOCAL CODE WORD FOR ENOSIS).

3. MOST NEGATIVE COMMENT SO FAR SOUNDED BY PRO-CLERIDES "AGON", WHICH CYNICALLY WARNED THAT CYPRIOTS SHOULD ENTERTAIN NO RPT NO ILLUSIONS THAT "TWO ASSISTANT GENDARMES OF GENDARMES BREZHNEV AND NIXON" WOULD PRODUCE ANYTHING POSITIVE FOR CYPRUS DURING VISIT. PAPER STRUCK "PLAGUE-ON-BOTH-YOUR-HOUSES" LINE. ARCH-ENOSIST "ELEFThERIA" ALSO INVEIGHED AGAINST PAST SUPERPOWER MACHINATIONS RE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

4. CBC TELEVISION AND RADIO OBJECTIVE AND FACTUAL IN THEIR COVERAGE. MAY 7 EVENING TELEVISION COMMENTARY/ANALYSIS PROVIDED BALANCED REVIEW OF CURRENT BIG POWER DIPLOMACY LEADING TO VISIT, EMPHASIZED CYPRIOT PLEASURE AT BEING CHOSEN AS HOST, AND NOTED SOMEWHAT HOPEFULL THAT DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD NOT RPT NOT BE COMPLETELY RULED OUT.

5. ONLY INDEPENDENT "ELEFThERIA" POINTEDLY NOTED THAT KISSINGER/GROMYKO DID NOT RPT NOT MEET ANY TURK CYPRIOT. TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE SOFT-PEDDLED THIS FACT (REF SEPARATE AIRGRAM AND FBIS 081733Z). OTHERWISE, TURK CYPRIOT PRESS COVERAGE OBJECTIVE, THOUGH ONE COLUMNIST DID COMMENT ON "OSTENTATIOUS AND EXCESSIVE" SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(POINT ALSO MADE IN SENSATIONALIST "MAKHI" REFERENCE TO "KISSINGER'S GORILLAS.") MAY 7 SOME 18 TURK CYPRIOT ORGANIZATIONS ISSUED LENGTHY BILL OF PARTICULARS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS SINS, AND DENKTASH'S "ZAMAN" CAME OUT WITH LURID ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SHEET IN SIMILAR VEIN.

6. COMMENT: PRESS UNUSUALLY FACTUAL AND EVEN-HANDED IN TREATMENT OF STORY. MOST MEANINGFUL GENERAL REACTION WAS

PRIDEFUL SENSE THAT MEETING DEMONSTRATED IMPORTANCE OF CYPRUS IN WORLD AFFAIRS, AND VIRTUES OF GOCYPRUS POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. DYSPEPTIC ATTACK BY "AGON" ON BOTH U.S. AND USSR UNUSUAL, THOUGH OTHER RIGHTIST PRESS PERIODICALLY BELABORS USG FOR FAILURE SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR CYPRUS. TOGETHER WITH RIGHT-WING SEK'S CALL FOR USG SUPPORT OF ENOSIS, "AGON" PIECE PROBABLY REFLECTS SHARPENED LOCAL FEELINGS BROUGHT ON BY GRECO/TURKISH DIFFERENCES OVER AEGEAN (REF CLERIDES REMARK TO CHARGE IN NICOSIA 800). CURRENTLY, FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN CYPRUS, THOUGH WHOLLY IN ACCORD WITH GOCYPRUS POLICY, DOES NOT RPT NOT COMMAND INSTANT PRAISE. FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI" AND LYSSARIDES' "TA NEA" HAVE SO FAR LAUDED GROMYKO'S GRATUITOUS SUPPORT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS. END COMMENT.  
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